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## INFORMATION LETTER

DATE: November 2, 2012

TO: California Boating Law Enforcement Agencies

FROM: Ken Newby, Training Coordinator

SUBJECT: 2013 Boating Law Enforcement Training Calendar

The Department of Boating and Waterways (DBW) has released its 2013 boating law enforcement training calendar. The calendar along with course descriptions and registration forms are included in this memo. All department training courses are POST certified according to POST Plan IV. Attendance is limited to California Boating Safety and Enforcement Officers.

*Please note that the training calendar information will no longer be mailed in hard copy to agencies statewide. However, it will be available on the department's website at <http://www.dbw.ca.gov/LawEnforce/LawEnfTrain.aspx>.*

Law enforcement agencies requesting enrollment are required to fill out the appropriate registration form and either mail or fax it to the training unit at DBW. **Registration forms are to be completed by training officers or supervisors.**

Please carefully review the course descriptions and prerequisites to ensure appropriate registration.

A \$50.00 late cancellation fee may be charged if received seven (7) calendar days or less before the first day of the class and a \$100.00 fee for no-shows will be charged for the following courses: *Boating Safety & Enforcement, Boating Intoxication Enforcement, Accident Investigation & Reconstruction, Advanced Accident Investigation, Piloting & Navigation for Law Enforcement*. Agencies with students who fail to show may be unable to attend any department sponsored trainings for a period of three (3) years.

Reimbursable agencies requesting reimbursement through the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or Training Grant Programs will be required to submit a completed Training Expense Claim package. Per diem expenses are reimbursed according to POST Plan IV guidelines. Please refer to our website at [www.dbw.ca.gov](http://www.dbw.ca.gov) for further detailed information on this process.

Coming in 2013 DBW will now reimburse fees and per diem expenses for personal watercraft courses taken through a Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) certified organization. Students must get prior approval through DBW.

DBW classes will no longer require tuition fees for American River College and as a result, students will not receive college credit for attending boating related training courses (became effective Jan. 1, 2010).

The Master Certificate Program was changed to the *California Boating Safety Officer Core Training Certification Program* (became effective Nov. 3, 2008).

Officers who have successfully completed a series of training courses may apply for a California Boating Safety Officer Core Training certificate. This Certificate Program consists of five training modules designed to provide a consistent minimum standard of boating, water rescue and enforcement skills.

The required training courses are:

- Basic Boating Safety and Enforcement,
- Basic Boating Skills & Operations
- Rescue Boat Operations

The elective courses are:

- Accident Investigation
- Advanced Accident Investigation
- Boating Under the Influence
- Marine Fires
- Piloting & Navigation for Law Enforcement

***Classes may no longer be challenged.***

Boating safety and enforcement personnel who meet the following requirements are eligible to apply for a California Boating Safety Officer Core Training Certificate:

- Successful completion of the Boating Safety and Enforcement, Basic Boat Handling and Rescue Boat Operations training modules and two of the 5 elective modules
- Currently employed by a public safety agency as a boating safety and enforcement officer with at least one year of field experience

The application process for will remain the same.

For further information please contact Ken Newby at (916) 263-8185 or [ken.newby@dbw.ca.gov](mailto:ken.newby@dbw.ca.gov).

# ***2013 LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING SCHEDULE***



## **BASIC BOATING SAFETY AND ENFORCEMENT**

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February 4 - 8	Castaic
March 4 - 8	Sacramento
April 8-12	Castaic
June 3 - 7	Sacramento

## **BOATING INTOXICATION ENFORCEMENT**

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January 14 - 15	Sacramento
April 4 - 5	Orange County

## **BOATING ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION / RECONSTRUCTION**

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### **& ADVANCED CLASS\*\***

March 18 - 22	Castaic
April 29 –May 3	Castaic
May 13 – 15 **	Castaic

## **PILOTING & NAVIGATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT**

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May 6 - 10	San Diego
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## **BASIC BOATING SKILLS & OPERATIONS**

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September 9 - 13	San Bernardino
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## **RESCUE BOAT OPERATIONS**

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March 11 - 15	Los Angeles Co.
October 7 - 11	Los Angeles Co.

## **BOATING MARINE FIRES**

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Feb. 4 – 8	Orange County
April 15 – 19	Orange County
December 2 - 6	Los Angeles Co.

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### **Boating Safety and Enforcement**

**Prerequisite:** Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit and proof of successful completion of an DBW approved online boating safety course (<http://www.dbw.ca.gov/> or <http://www.boatus.com/>) within the past year.

A 40-hour P.O.S.T. certified course for newly assigned marine patrol officers having designated authority under Chapter 4.5 of the California Penal Code who are [or will be] actively enforcing California boating laws. This course is designed to familiarize officers with the law and its interpretation, rules of the road, carriage requirements, safety inspections, towing, theories and practices of risk management, marlinspike and seamanship, etc.

### **Basic Boating Skills and Operations**

**Prerequisite:** Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit and the successful completion of the Boating Safety and Enforcement course within the past 5 years.

A 40-hour P.O.S.T. certified introductory course for boating enforcement officers. This course is a hands-on course with a focus on boating skills in addition to the basic fundamentals of boat handling theory and characteristics, operational techniques, marlinspike, towing, etc.

### **Rescue Boat Operations**

**Prerequisite:** Must be assigned to marine patrol unit and the successful completion of the Boating Skills and Operations course within the past 5 years.

A 40-hour P.O.S.T. certified course for marine patrol officers who handle emergency rescue boats under varying conditions. These conditions include emergency response operations, towing, offshore operations, and search and recovery.

## **Boating Intoxication Enforcement**

***Prerequisite:*** Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit, completion of the Basic Boating Safety and Enforcement Course, or a minimum of one year actively performing boating law enforcement duties.

This 16-hour P.O.S.T. certified course is designed to update marine patrol officers on the current law regarding intoxicated vessel operation, with emphasis on current arrest procedures, chemical testing, report preparation, and courtroom preparation. The course also includes training in the use of Alcohol Gaze Nystagmus and introduces the use of Preliminary Alcohol Screening Devices with the intent of providing marine patrol officers additional enforcement techniques useful in detecting the high tolerance drinker. Marine patrol officers will acquire hands on experience during the wet lab section of the course.

## **Boating Accident Investigation and Accident Reconstruction**

***Prerequisite:*** Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit, completion of the Boating Safety and Enforcement Course.

This 40-hour P.O.S.T. certified course teaches marine patrol officers technical accident reconstruction and accident scene management. Students will perform multiple investigations/reconstructions, become familiar with diagramming software and the navigation rules and operational laws as they apply to boating accidents. Students are required to complete an in-depth boating accident investigation report for the final exam.

## **Advanced Boating Accident Investigation and Reconstruction**

***Prerequisite:*** Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit, completion of the Basic Accident Investigation and Reconstruction course, one year actively engaged in performing boating law enforcement duties including boat accident investigation, and writing vessel accident reports.

This 24-hour P.O.S.T. certified course will teach the marine patrol officer the reconstructive principals involved in boat accident investigations, develop an understanding of boat dynamics during collision, understand the relationship of time, distance and reaction times and learn to use formulas to determine minimum speed.

## **Piloting and Navigation for Law Enforcement**

***Prerequisite:*** Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit, completion of the Boat Handling course.

A 40-hour P.O.S.T. certified course designed to give the marine patrol officer the necessary background in the fundamentals of Piloting and Navigation. Areas of focus are: the general theory of charts, navigation instruments, aids to navigation, dead reckoning, radar and electronic navigation, culminating with classroom practical plotting problems and piloting exercises underway.

## **Boating - Marine Fires**

***Prerequisite:*** Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit.

A 40-hour P.O.S.T. certified combination classroom and practical course designed to give marine patrol officers firsthand knowledge of the hazards of marine fire fighting. Marine patrol officers will receive the basic information from a lecture series and the experience of actual conditions from fighting live fires under controlled conditions.

# BASIC BOATING SAFETY AND ENFORCEMENT

Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Training Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

**I certify that I am the Boating Enforcement Training Officer and that the student(s) listed below have met the course prerequisite(s) and will provide verification on the first training day.**

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student(s) : \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Location of Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Prerequisite: Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit and proof of successful completion of a DBW approved online boating safety course within the past year.***

***(<http://www.dbw.ca.gov> or <http://www.boatus.com>)***

***NOTE: Please review the prerequisite, cancellation and no-show fee policy stated on cover letter.***

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## ***BOATING INTOXICATION ENFORCEMENT***

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Training Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student(s) : \_\_\_\_\_

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Location of Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Prerequisite: Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit, completion of the Boating Safety and Enforcement Course, or at least one year actively engaged in performing boating law enforcement duties.***

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# ***BASIC ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION & RECONSTRUCTION***

Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Location of Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# ADVANCED BOATING ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION/RECONSTRUCTION

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Agency Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Training Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Location of Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Prerequisite: Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit, completion of the Basic Accident Investigation and Reconstruction course, one year actively engaged in performing boating law enforcement duties including boat accident investigation, and writing vessel accident reports.***

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## ***PILOTING AND NAVIGATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT***

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Training Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Prerequisite: Must be assigned to a marine patrol unit, completion of the Basic Boating Skills & Operations course.***

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# **BASIC BOATING SKILLS & OPERATIONS**

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Name of Student(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ***RESCUE BOAT OPERATIONS***

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student(s) : \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Prerequisite: Must be assigned to marine patrol unit and completion of the Basic Boating Skills and Operations course within the past 5 years.***

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## ***BOATING MARINE FIRES***

Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Class: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Prerequisite: Must be assigned to Marine patrol and one year of actively performing boating law enforcement duties.***

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